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FM AMEMBASSY PRETORIA

TO AMCONSUL JOHANNESBURG IMMEDIATE

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SUBJECT: OFFICIAL SPORTS POLICY

1. THE PRESS, AS SOME OF THE ADDRESSEE POSTS ARE AWARE, HAS DEVELOPED A CLOSE INTEREST IN THE EMBASSY'S AND CONSULATES' ATTITUDE TOWARD THE PRESENCE OF AN AMERICAN RUGBY TEAM WHICH HAS SEVERAL MATCHES SCHEDULED AGAINST SOUTH AFRICAN TEAMS. (AND THERE IS AN AMERICAN GYMNASTIC TEAM WHICH MAY ATTRACT SIMILAR ATTENTION.) WITH RESPECT TO SPORTS, WE CONTINUE TO FOLLOW THE POLICY OUTLINED IN THE AMBASSADOR'S MEMORANDUM OF AUGUST 25, 1976. IN BRIEF, THAT POLICY IS AS FOLLOWS: WE CONSIDER SPORTS A PRIVATE AFFAIR AND THEREFORE DO NOT OFFICIALLY SPONSOR OR OPPOSE SPORTS EXCHANGES WITH SOUTH AFRICA. WHEN ASKED TO ATTEND SPORTS EVENTS AS OFFICIAL GUESTS, WE DECLINE, SINCE ACCEPTANCE AND PRESENCE IN AN OFFICIAL CAPACITY COULD BE CONSTRUED AS OFFICIAL ENDORSEMENT OR SPONSORSHIP. AS FAR AS INDIVIDUAL MEMBERS OF THE EMBASSY OR CONSULATE STAFFS ARE CONCERNED, THEY OF COURSE MAY ATTEND ANY SPORTING EVENT IN THEIR PRIVATE

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CAPACITY AS THEY CHOOSE.

2. INQUIRIES FROM THE PRESS MAY BE ANSWERED WITH AN EXPLANATION OF THE POLICY AS DESCRIBED ABOVE. THAT WILL NOT SATISFY SOME REPORTERS, BUT RESPONSES SHOULD NOT GO BEYOND THE POLICY AS STATED. IF ASKED WHETHER WE FOLLOW THE SAME POLICY ELSEWHERE, THE QUESTIONER SHOULD BE

ADVISED TO DIRECT INQUIRIES ABOUT GLOBAL POLICY TO THE
DEPARTMENT OF STATE.
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